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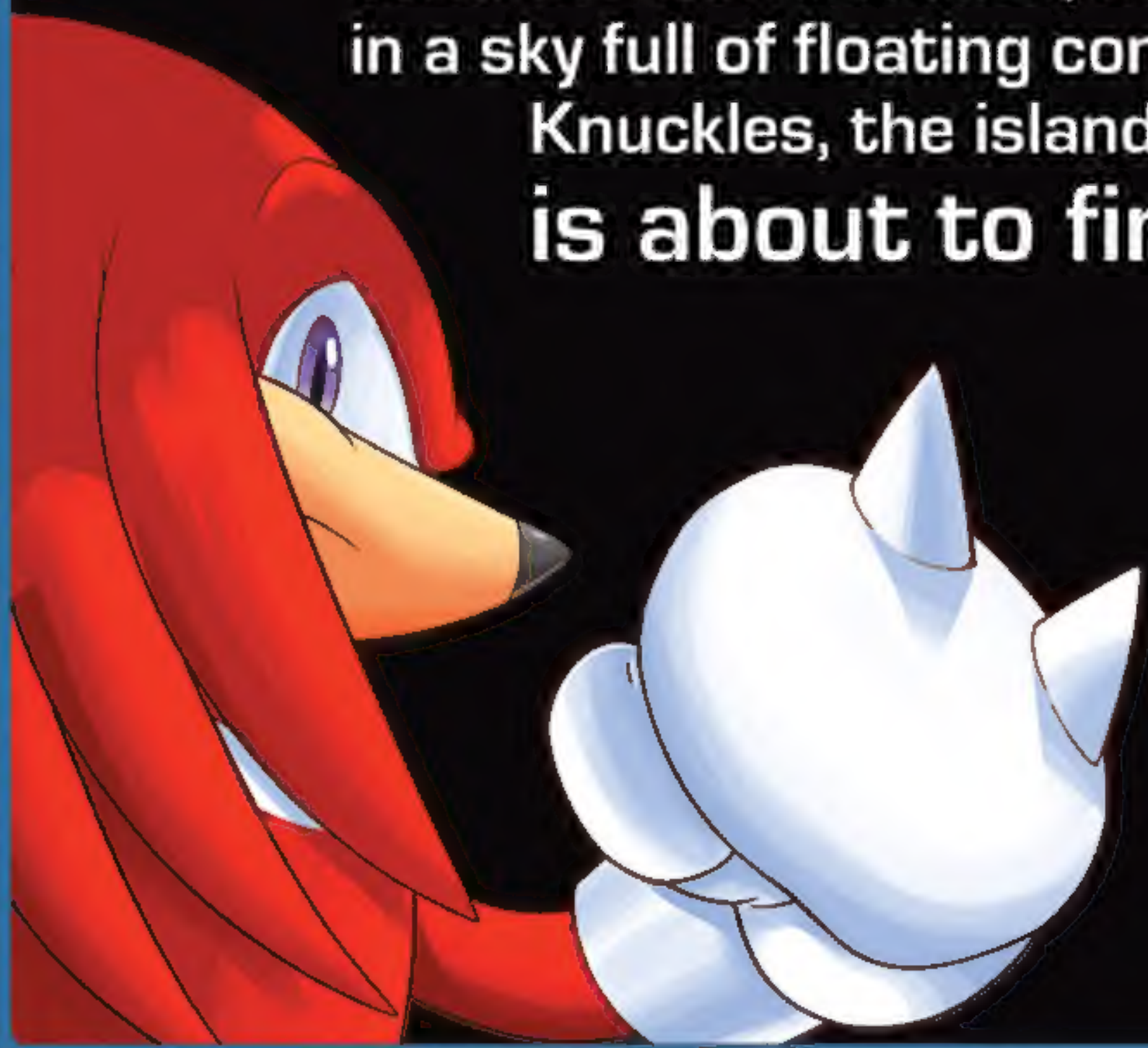


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is about to find out...



WHO'S WHO



KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA
THE LAST ECHIDNA



RELIC THE PIKA
ARCHAEOLOGIST



TEAM CHAOTIX
(VECTOR, ESPIO, CHARMY)
FREELANCE DETECTIVES

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SHRINE ISLE,
ANGEL ISLAND

WHY.

IS.

MY.

ISLAND.

SIDEWAYS?!

SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS
--ZERO HOUR*

RRRUMBLE

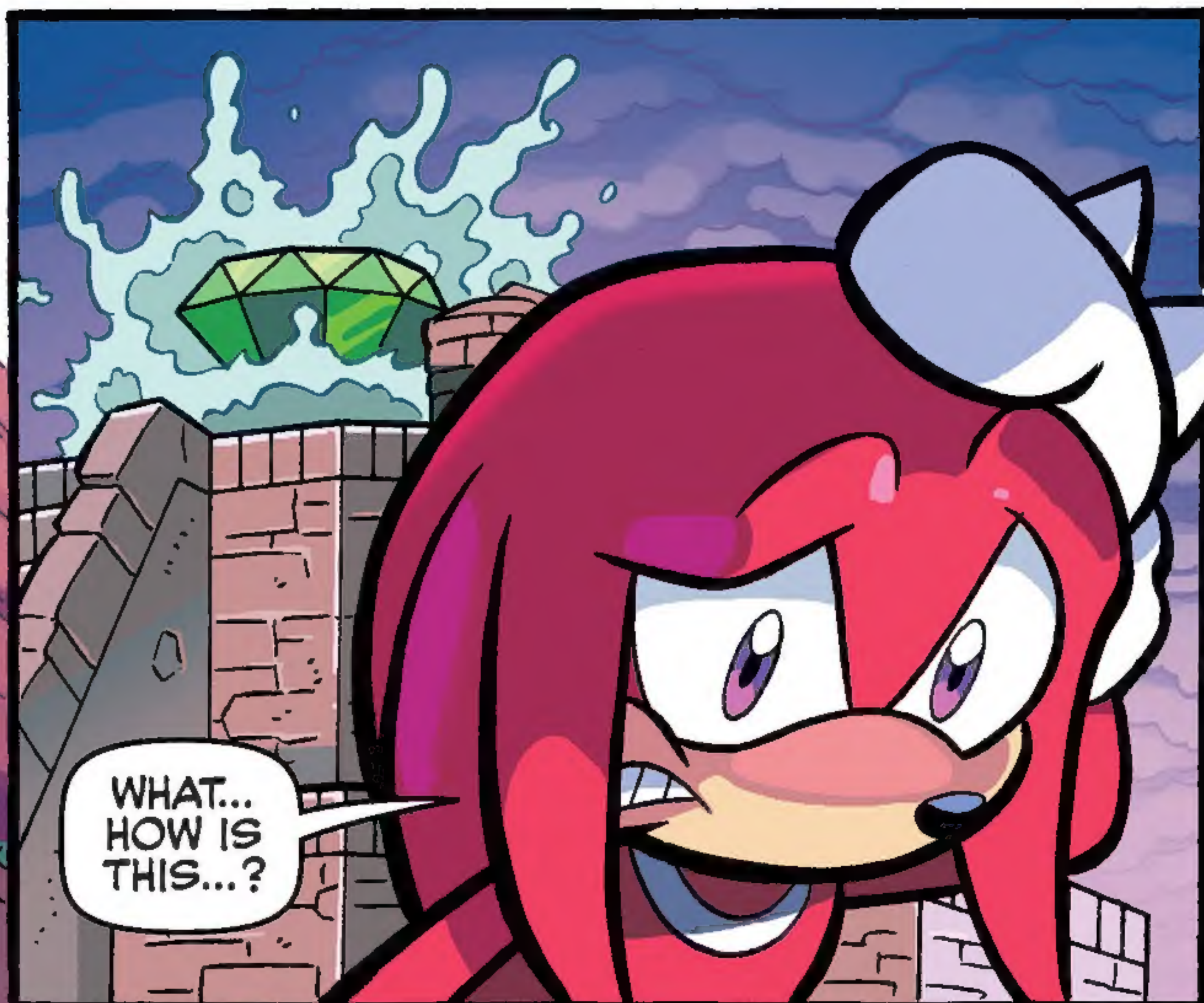
KNUCKLES
the **ECHIDNA**
LAST GUARDIAN
OF THE MASTER
EMERALD

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

PART ONE: ON THE HUNT

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SEE STH 253-256
FOR THE FULL
SCOOP ON THE
SHATTERED WORLD
CRISIS!

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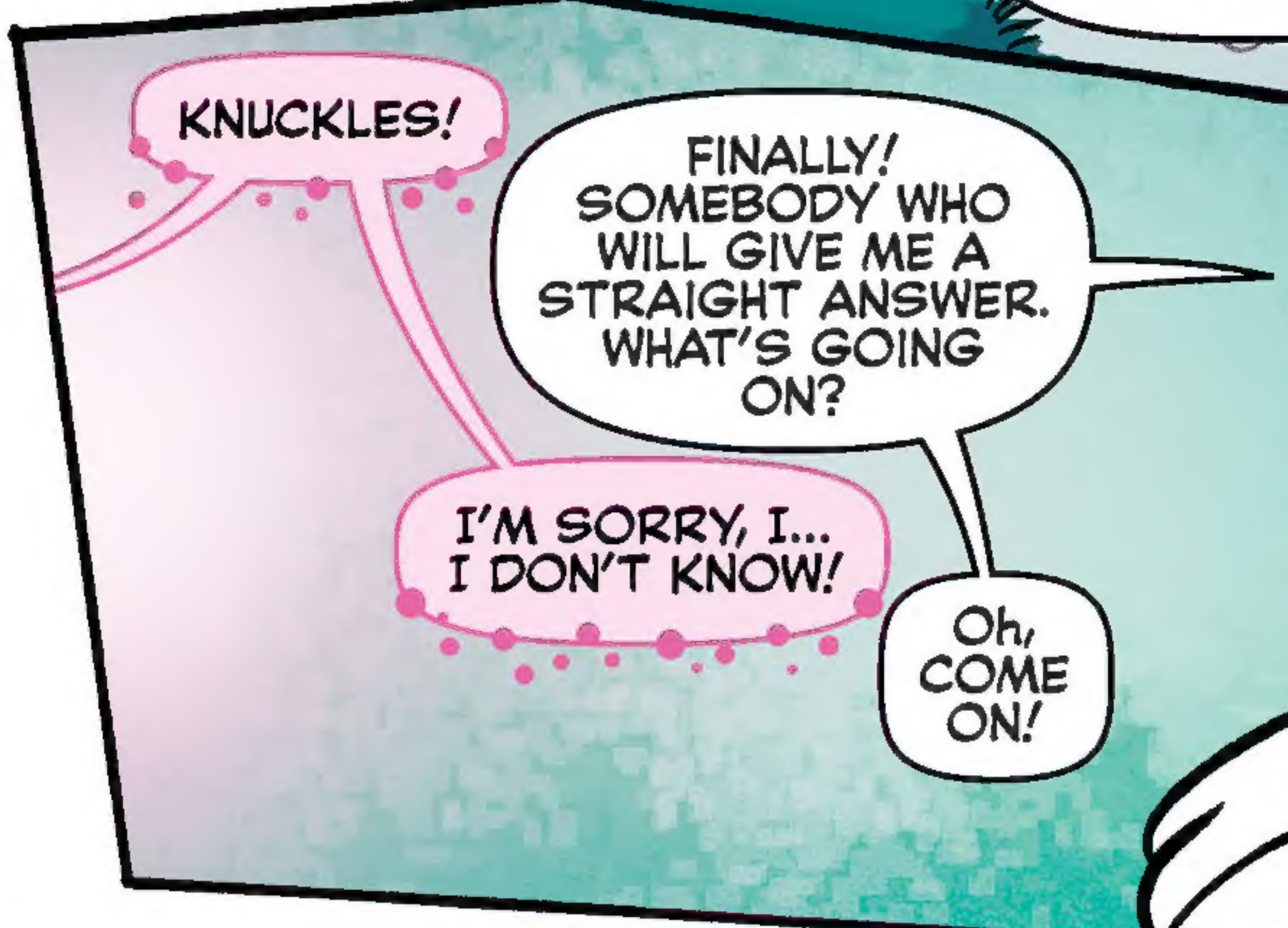
WHAT... HOW IS THIS...?



WHA-- HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PLANET?!

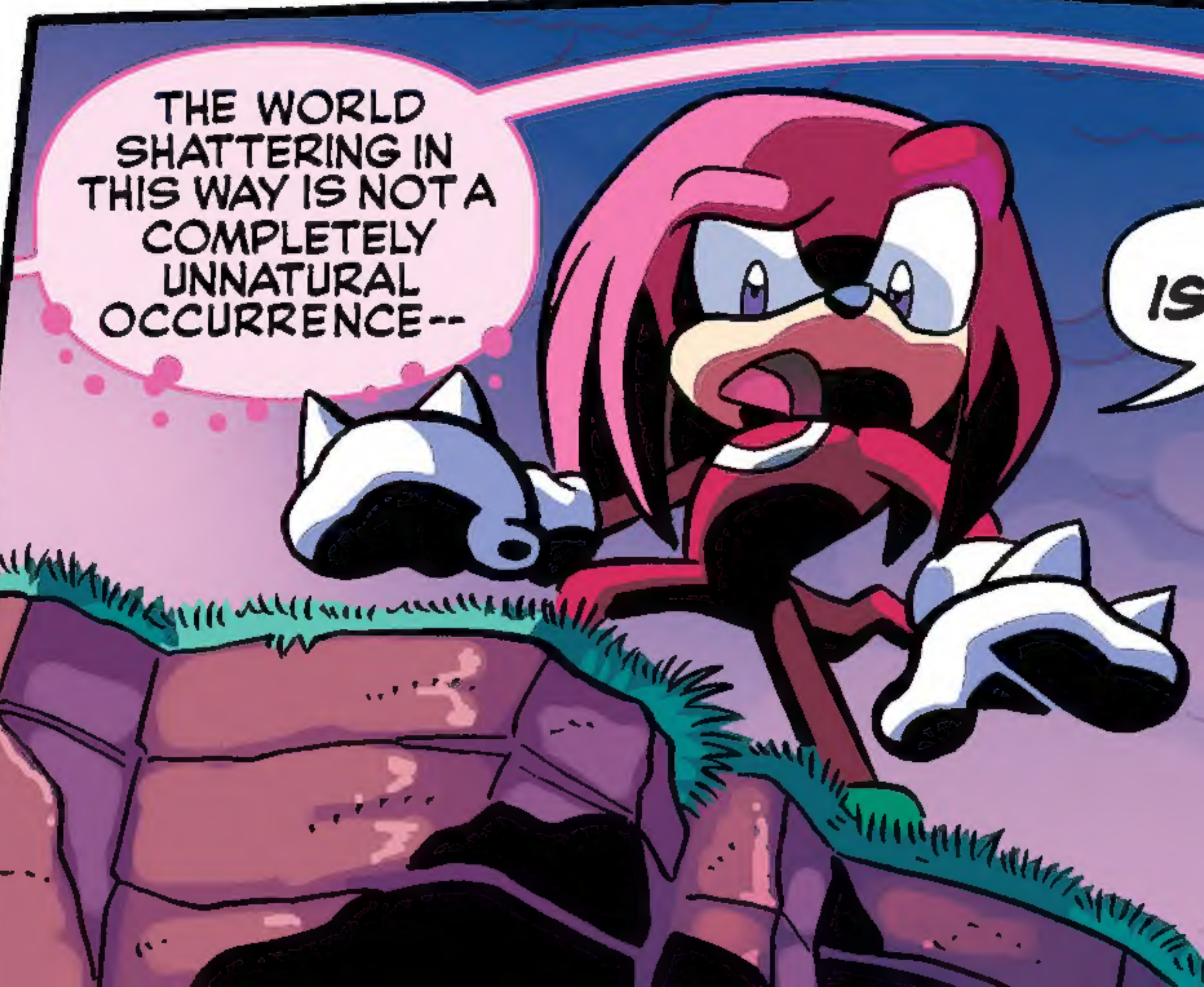


KNUCKLES!

FINALLY! SOMEBODY WHO WILL GIVE ME A STRAIGHT ANSWER. WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'M SORRY, I... I DON'T KNOW!

Oh, COME ON!



THE WORLD SHATTERING IN THIS WAY IS NOT A COMPLETELY UNNATURAL OCCURRENCE--

IT ISN'T?!

--BUT IT HAPPENING LIKE THIS, RIGHT NOW, IS WRONG. A POWERFUL SPIRIT IS MEANT TO HELP IN THIS SCENARIO, BUT I FEAR SOMETHING HAS GONE AWRY...

"I BELIEVE THE SPIRIT *HAS* MANIFESTED, BUT HIS PRESENCE IS...WEAK. IN HIS CURRENT STATE, HE MAY BE UNABLE TO HELP!"

LAUNCH BASE ZONE,
ANGEL ISLAND

"THEN I'LL HEAD DOWN TO WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SURFACE. I'LL FIND THIS SPIRIT, AND THEN YOU TWO DO YOUR WORLD-SAVING THING..."

...BUT I'LL NEED SOMEONE WATCHING THE MASTER EMERALD WHILE I'M GONE..."

HELLO?
CAN ANY-
ONE...?
Oh, *DASH*
IT ALL!



MADAM RELIC! GUARDIAN KNUCKLES IS PRESENT!

I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF WITH THE FORMALITIES, FIXIT, WHAT'S WRONG, RELIC?

FIXIT
ANCIENT
ROBOT
HELPER

RELIC the PIKA
ADVENTURING
ARCHAEOLOGIST

WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT'S WRONG?! THE PLANET'S GONE TO PIECES AND I CAN'T CONTACT ANYONE ON THE SURFACE THROUGH THIS BLASTED USELESS-AND-YET-STILL-FRUSTRATINGLY-INTRIGUING ANCIENT INTERFACE!

I MEAN, I WAS ALREADY ATTEMPTING TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY ANCIENT DATA LOGS THAT MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON FIXIT HERE. BUT IT SEEMS EGGMAN OVERWROTE MOST OF THE DATA WHEN WE LANDED, FIXIT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT, AND I'M *GHASTLY* AT COMPUTERS...

...SO I'M STANDING HERE LOOKING LIKE AN ABSOLUTE FOOL, UNABLE TO SEE IF ANYONE IS... IS...

I'M BABBLING AGAIN, AREN'T I?

A LITTLE. BUT IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. THINGS ARE A LITTLE CRAZY.

"A LITTLE CRAZY" HE SAYS...

*SONIC ADVENTURE 2: BATTLE-- THE GAME

IS THE ISLAND IN DANGER? EXPERIENCING IT FALLING INTO THE OCEAN WAS TERRIFYING ENOUGH,* BUT WITH THE WORLD SUCH AS IT IS...

NO, THE ISLAND SEEMS TO BE OKAY FOR NOW. IF ANYTHING, YOU'RE PROBABLY SAFEST HERE.

HA! THEN I CHOSE A BRILLIANT TIME TO FIND MY WAY HERE WHEN I DID, DIDN'T I?

YEAH, AND IT'S A GOOD THING YOU CONVINCED ME TO LET YOU STICK AROUND. Y'SEE, I NEED... *ahem* I NEED YOUR HE... YOUR HEEEEEH...

TAKE YOUR TIME, USE YOUR WORDS.



...I NEED YOUR HELP WATCHING OVER THE MASTER EMERALD...



ARE YOU QUITE SERIOUS?!

Y-YEAH. MAYBE FOR A DAY OR TWO. I'M NEEDED ELSEWHERE AND I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO HUNT DOWN ANYONE ELSE.



Ah, SO I'M YOUR LAST RESORT. LOVELY BACK-HANDED COMPLIMENT.

N-NO! I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE...



Oh, SHUSH--I KNOW WHAT YOU MEANT. THE WORLD IS AT STAKE, AND I'M HONORED YOU THOUGHT TO TURN TO ME. YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, DEAR SIR.



AND LOWLY ME AS WELL, GUARDIAN, SIR.

THANKS. AND REMEMBER, YOU'RE JUST WATCHING IT--



NO TOUCHING THE MASTER EMERALD--I KNOW, I KNOW. IT SHAN'T LEAVE MY SIGHT!

PUMPKIN HILL ZONE--
DAYS LATER

I HOPE THINGS
ARE QUIET ON THE
ISLAND. I *HATE* BEING
GONE SO LONG...

YOU'D THINK
FINDING A SPIRIT
TIED TO THE WORLD'S
HEALTH WOULD BE
EASY. EVEN IF HE *IS*
WEAKENED, JUST
HOW "WEAK" CAN
SOMETHING LIKE
THAT *BE*?

MY SPECIALTY IS
FINDING *TREASURE*,
NOT SPIRITS. BUT
THEN AGAIN, GIVEN ALL
THE SUPERNATURAL
STUFF I'VE DEALT
WITH, I GUESS I *AM*
PRETTY QUALIFIED
FOR THE JOB.

THIS DUTY WAS
ENTRUSTED TO ME.
THE WORLD *NEEDS* TO
BE RESTORED. SO I'D
BETTER GET TO
FINDING THAT SPIRIT,
AND NOT GET
SIDE-TRACKED...

WHAT IN THE
WORLD...?



SNAR!



OK



RAUR!



ROOAAAARRRR!



**ESPIO the
CHAMELEON
CHAOTIX
NINJA**

YOWL!!

DA-DA-
DA-DA!
CHAOTIX
TO THE
RESCUE!

**CHARMY
BEE
CHAOTIX
FLYER**



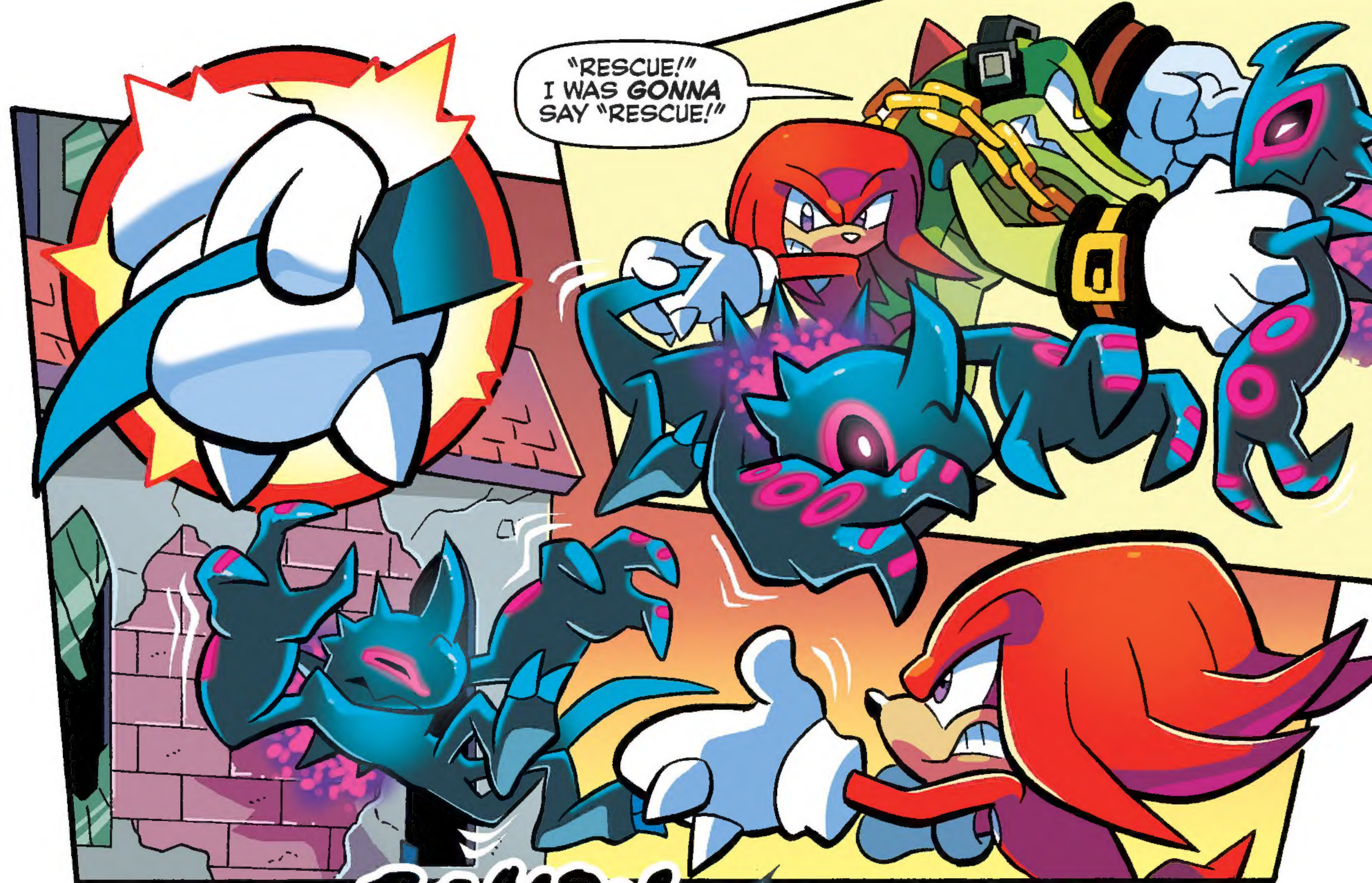
HOW'S THIS
FOR A PERFECTLY
TIMED--?

**VECTOR the
CROCODILE
CHAOTIX
LEAD
DETECTIVE**

SNARL!

HISSES

WHOA!
HEY!!



"RESCUE!!
I WAS GONNA
SAY 'RESCUE!!'"

BOMPH



YEAH!
WE DID
IT!



YES.
WE DEFEATED...
WHATEVER
THOSE THINGS
WERE.

MONSTERS,
OBSOULETLY.





OF COURSE. HOW SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE OF YOU.

HEY THERE, VEC. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE THREW DOWN TOGETHER. THANKS FOR THE SAVE.

ALL PART OF BEING A GOOD DETECTIVE.



...FIGHTING CREEPY-CRAWLIES IS PART OF BEING A GOOD DETECTIVE?

"TO SERVE AND PROTECT," CHARMY.

I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE POLICE?



WAIT! ARE WE POLICE NOW? I WANT A DONUT! I-- **MMPH!!**

SO...WORLD SPLITS APART, MONSTERS ARE POPPING OUT OF NOWHERE, AND NOW YOU'RE OFF YOUR ISLAND. WHAT BRINGS YOU ALL THE WAY OUT TO PUMPKIN HILL?

I'M ON A MISSION.



IT MUST BE PRETTY IMPORTANT IF YOU LEFT THE MASTER EMERALD UNGUARDED.

IT *IS* IMPORTANT-- BUT WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT UNGUARDED?

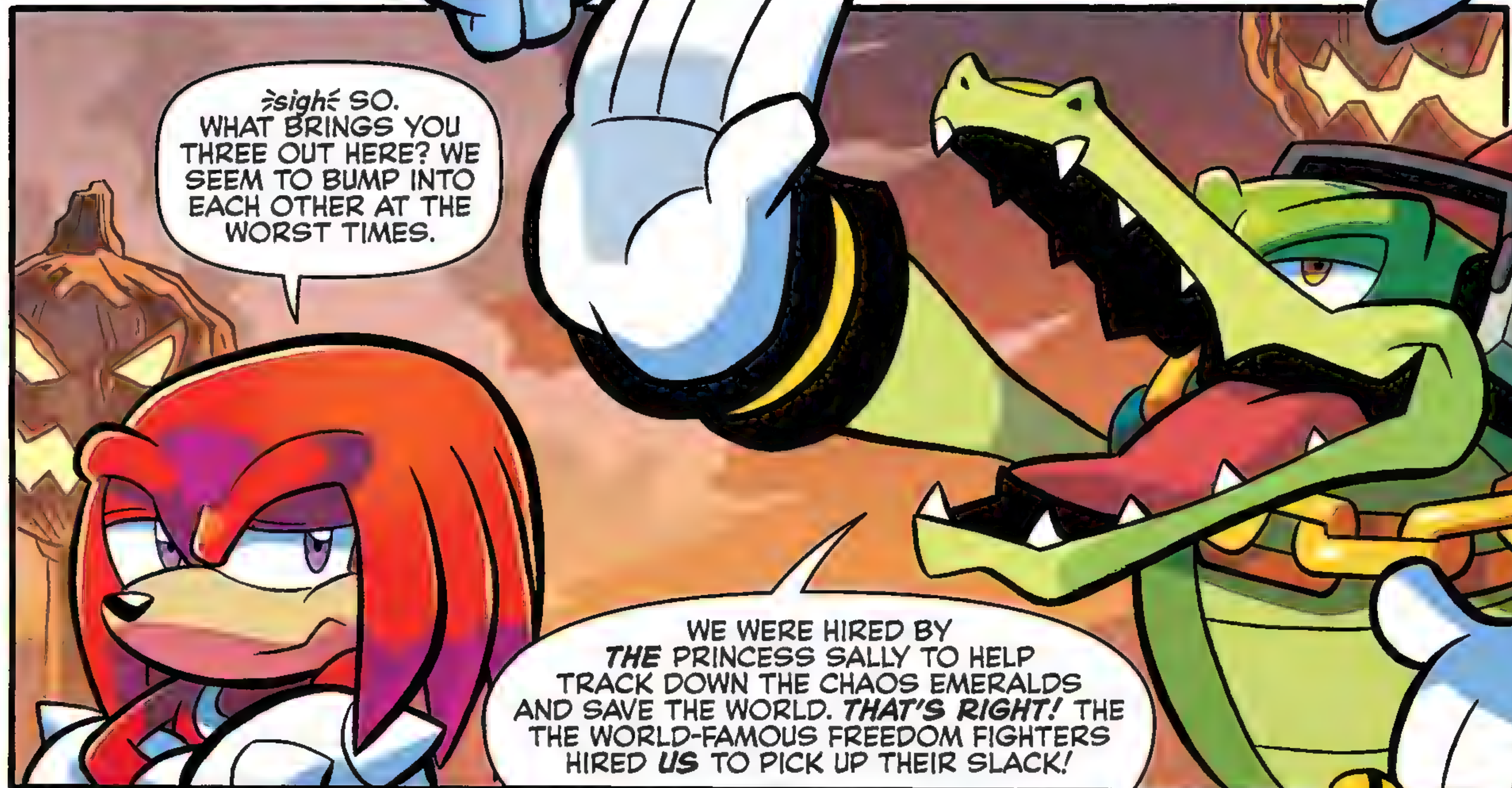
WELL...WHO ELSE *IS* THERE? MIGHTY AND RAY ARE OFF ON ANOTHER ADVENTURE, AND WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM IN A WHILE. SO...

Ah...YOU GUYS HAVEN'T MET HER YET...

HER? Ooooh! KNUCKLES HAS A NEW BUDDY ON HIS FLYING PARADISE! YOU SLY 'KIDNA! IS SHE CUTE? Eh? Eh?



sigh SO. WHAT BRINGS YOU THREE OUT HERE? WE SEEM TO BUMP INTO EACH OTHER AT THE WORST TIMES.



WE WERE HIRED BY THE PRINCESS SALLY TO HELP TRACK DOWN THE CHAOS EMERALDS AND SAVE THE WORLD. **THAT'S RIGHT!** THE THE WORLD-FAMOUS FREEDOM FIGHTERS HIRED **US** TO PICK UP THEIR SLACK!

Pffff! BWA-HA-HA! YEAH, RIGHT! SALLY ASKED US TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD AND VECTOR **BEGGED** FOR A ROYAL HAND-OUT!



WE'RE STILL NEGOTIATING THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT!



AH HA HA! LIKE WHETHER OR NOT YOU GET MAYO ON YOUR REWARD SANDWICH? **HAHAHA!**

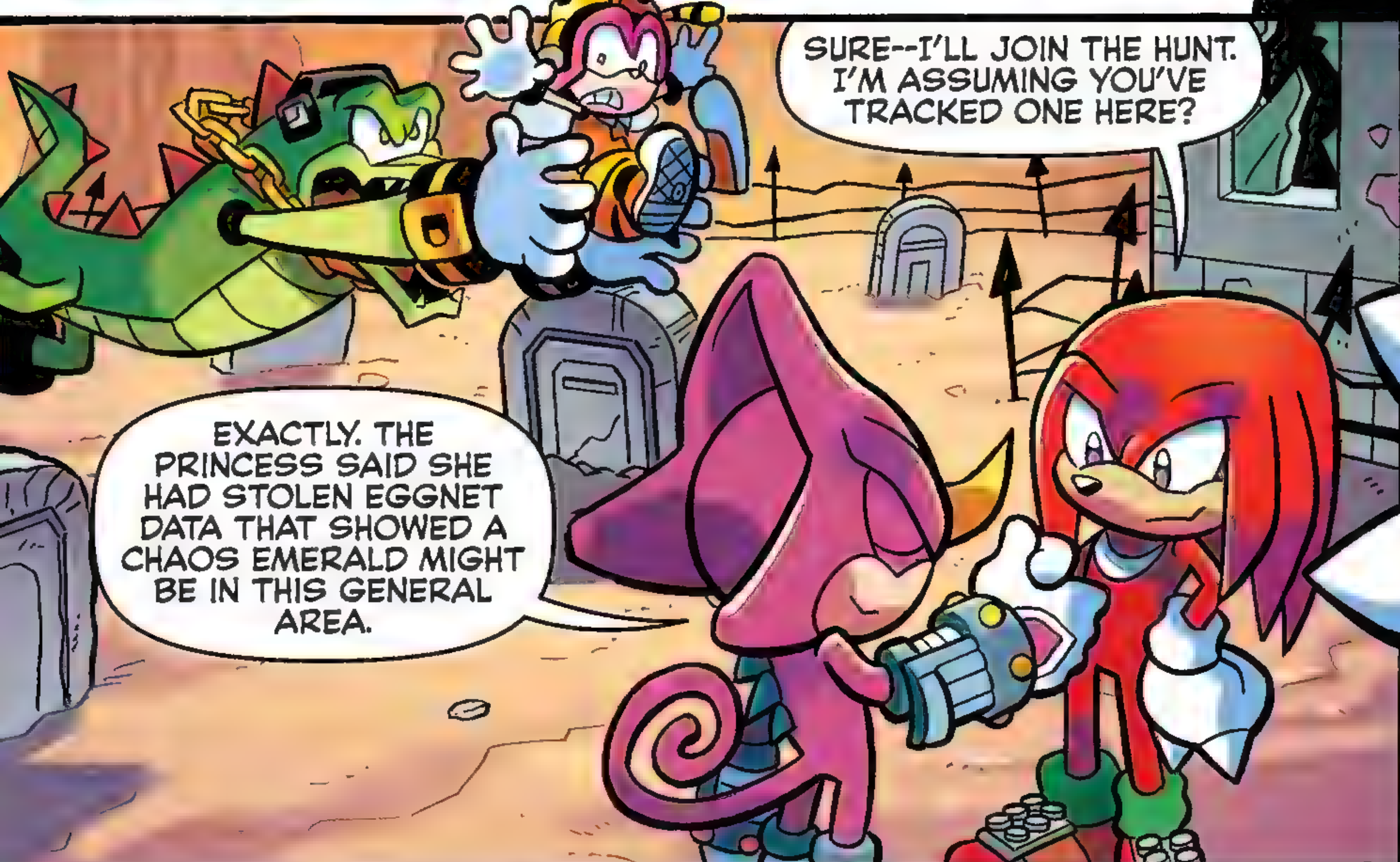


ANYWAY--YOU'RE A SEASONED TREASURE HUNTER, AND YOU'VE GOT MORE EXPERIENCE WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS THAN THE THREE OF US COMBINED.

SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO TEAM-UP AGAIN AND HELP US LOOK?

...IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SAY THE CHAOS EMERALDS ARE NEEDED TO SAVE THE WORLD, THEN THE EMERALDS MIGHT HAVE A CONNECTION TO THE SPIRIT I'M LOOKING FOR.

AND IT'D MAKE SENSE FOR A POWERFUL SPIRIT TO BE DRAWN TO THE EMERALDS' POWER...



SURE--I'LL JOIN THE HUNT. I'M ASSUMING YOU'VE TRACKED ONE HERE?

EXACTLY. THE PRINCESS SAID SHE HAD STOLEN EGGNET DATA THAT SHOWED A CHAOS EMERALD MIGHT BE IN THIS GENERAL AREA.



THEN I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SENSE ITS POWER. LET'S SEE...



YEAH... THERE IT IS! AND...IT SEEMS TO BE MOVING...

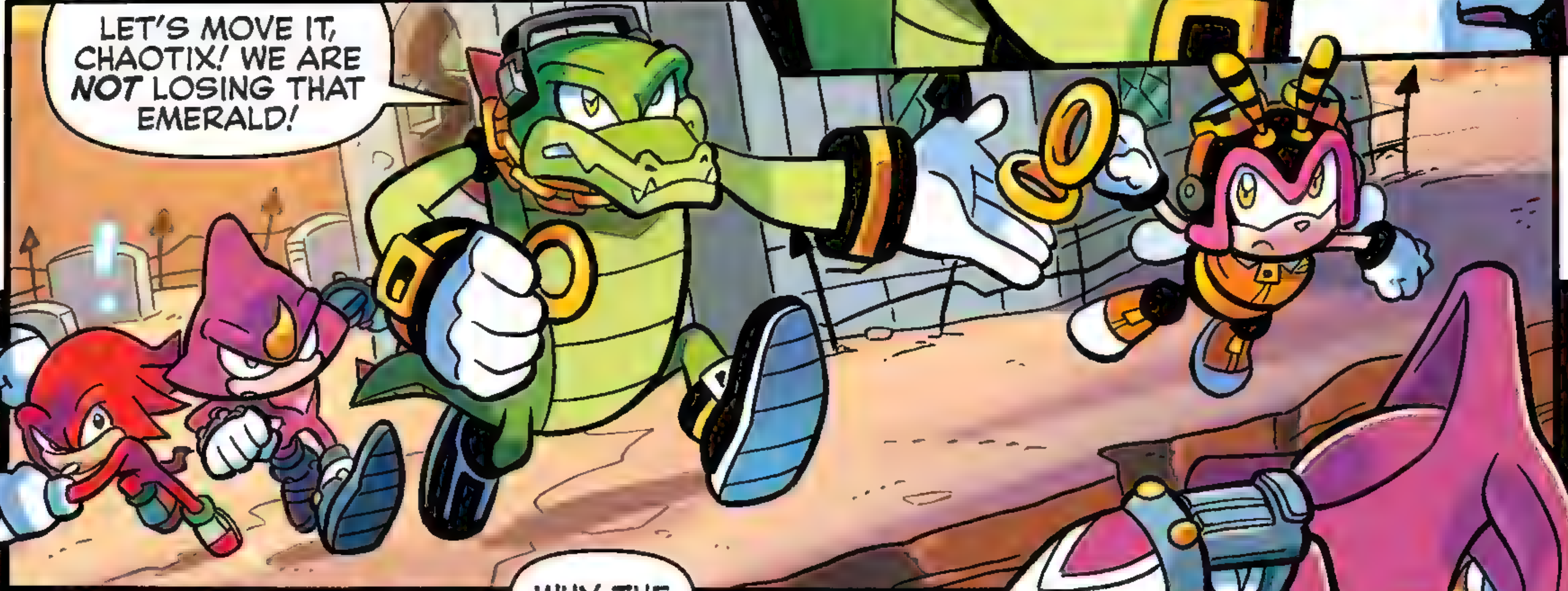


WAIT--
MOVING?!

Oh, NO!
DO YOU THINK
THEY BEAT US
TO IT?!

WHICH WAY IS
IT HEADING?!

SOUTH,
IT FELT
LIKE.



LET'S MOVE IT,
CHAOTIX! WE ARE
NOT LOSING THAT
EMERALD!



WHY THE
SUDDEN
RUSH?

OUR OWN
INTELLIGENCE SHOWED
DR. EGGMAN'S FORCES
ARE BUSY DEALING WITH
THE SHATTERED WORLD
CRISIS.


SO HE'S HIRED A
BAND OF MERCENARIES
TO FIND THE CHAOS
EMERALDS FOR HIM.



SO THEY
MIGHT BE THE
REASON THE
EMERALD IS ON
THE MOVE.


AND ANY PLAN
EGGMAN WANTS THE
EMERALDS FOR CAN'T
BE GOOD.

WE'RE
GETTING IT
FIRST!!




BRRR! I THOUGHT THAT GRAVEYARD WAS CREEPY, BUT THAT TRAIN IS GIVING ME THE HEEBIE-JEEBIES TOO!


DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH. THE GHOSTS MIGHT JUST IGNORE US.



Oh, HA-HA, KNUCKLES. TRYIN' TO SCARE ME WITH GHOST STORIES.



NO, I'M SERIOUS. THIS REGION IS **CRAWLING** WITH ANGRY SPIRITS.



SURE, THERE ARE GHOSTS IN THE RUINS OF THE SANDOPOLIS ZONE, TOO, BUT THE ONES HERE ARE--



AAAAAHH!!
GHOSTS!!



GAH!



"LET'S USE THE SLING RINGS" YOU SAID! "USE THE TECHNOLOGY WE HAVE ON HAND" YOU SAID!

YOU'D PREFER HANGING FROM CHARMY'S FEET? TRUST OUR COMBINED WEIGHT TO A TEN KILOGRAM BEE?

FEET ARE MORE SUBSTANTIAL THAN MAGIC-RING-SPARKLES!



CAN WE SAVE THE BICKERING FOR LATER?

WE NEED TO FIND CHARMY AND GET BACK TO FINDING THE EMERALD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.



WHAT'S STOPPING US FROM LEAVING HIM BEHIND?

THE FACT THAT WE'D BE ABANDONING A CHILD IN A DARK, inhospitable CANYON FULL OF GHOSTS, MONSTERS, AND MERCENARIES WHO ARE ON EGGMAN'S PAYROLL?



YEAH, WELL, I'M NOT SHARING MY REWARD SANDWICH WITH HIM, THAT'S FOR SURE.

AND THIS IS PARTLY YOUR FAULT, KNUX! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO START JOKING ABOUT GHOSTS?!

I WASN'T! YOU'VE SEEN GHOSTS, TOO.* WHY DO YOU THINK I'M MAKING THEM UP?

IT'S JUST... HERE? FOR REAL?

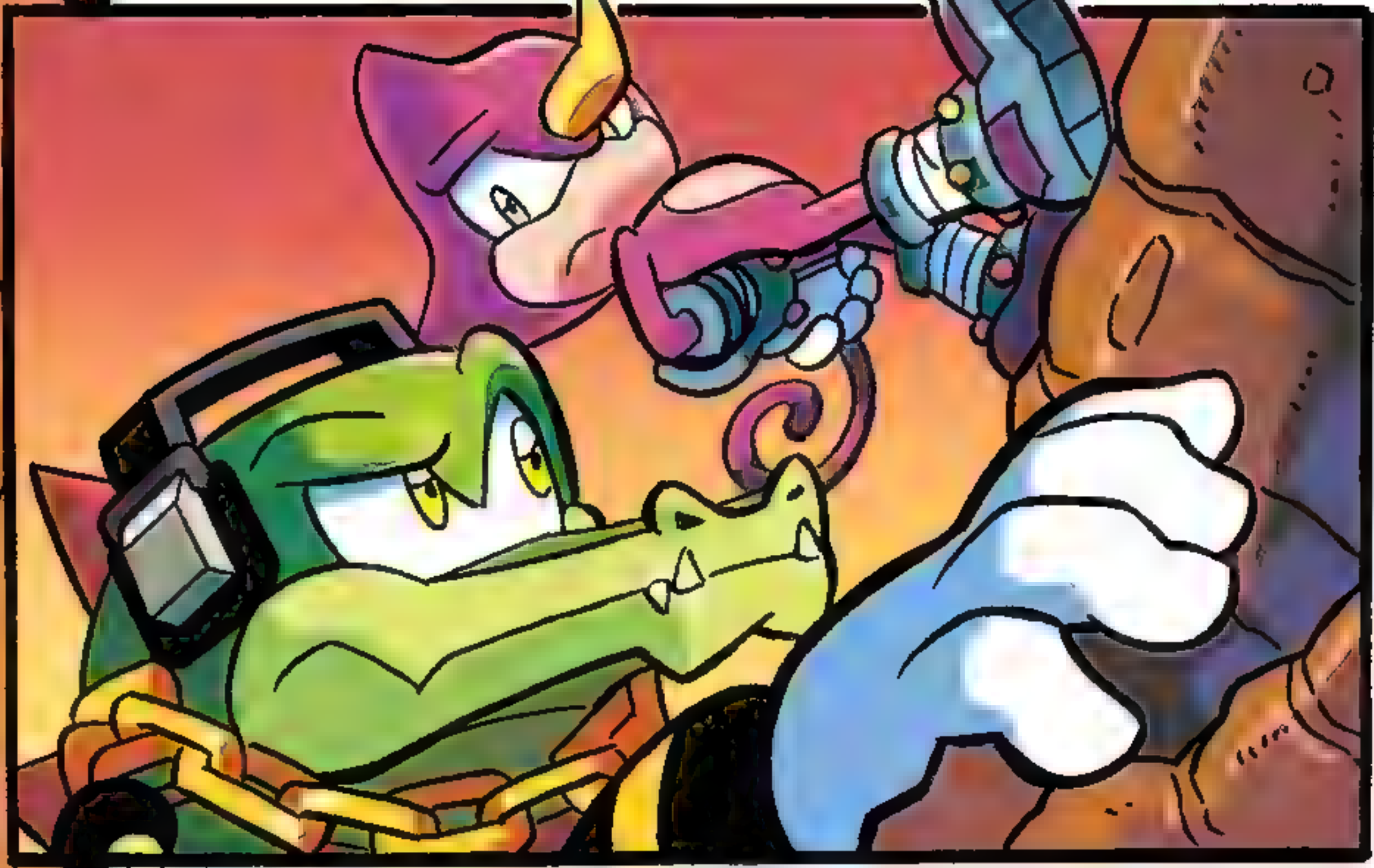
YES!

*SONIC HEROES-- THE GAME

Oh, DON'T YOU TWO START! I SAID I'D *HELP* FIND THE EMERALD, NOT DO EVERYTHING MYSELF!

YEAH, BUT...

CLIMB!

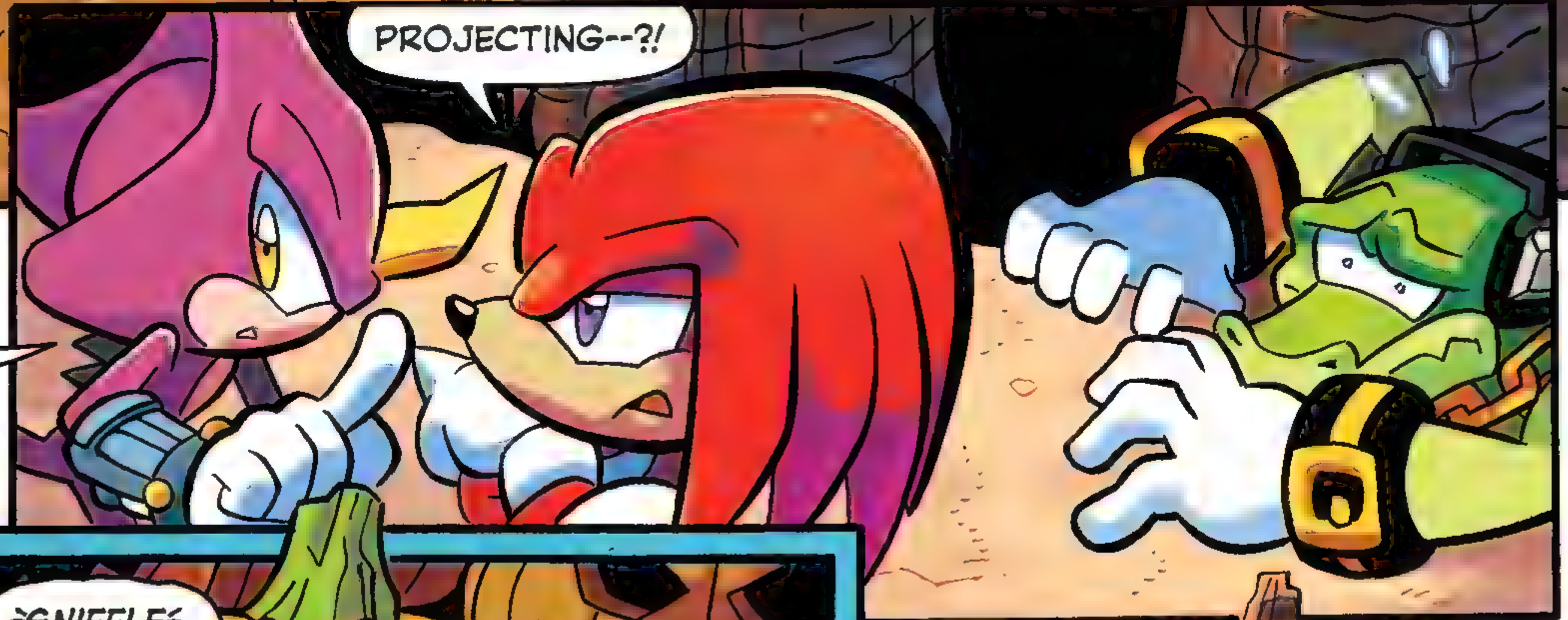


HONESTLY--
YOU'RE A NINJA.
HOW ARE YOU
AFRAID OF
GHOSTS?

NOBODY
SAID I WAS
AFRAID. I
THINK YOU'RE
PROJECTING.

PROJECTING---?!

Shh!
LISTEN!



≡SNIFFLE≡
≡WHIMPER≡

CHARMY.

WE'RE FINE,
BY THE WAY. DID
YOU NOTICE THAT
YOU DROPPED US
INTO A BOTTOM-
LESS ABYSS?

≡SNIFF≡
...SORRY.
I--I...





...BUT...BUT THE GHOSTS...

WHY ARE YOU SO AFRAID OF GHOSTS?!



BECAUSE THEY'RE GHOSTS?! DUH?!!

AND YOU JUST TRASHED A BUNCH OF MONSTERS TEN MINUTES AGO. YOU HELPED FIGHT METAL OVERLORD. YOU'VE TANGLED WITH DR. EGGMAN AND HIS BADNIKS.



YOU'RE ONE OF THE CHAOTIX. YOU DEAL WITH DANGEROUS STUFF CONSTANTLY, AND YOU'VE HANDLED IT EVERY TIME.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE RIGHT! IF I CAN DO ALL THAT, I CAN DO ANYTHING! I AIN'T 'FRAID OF NO GHOSTS! I'M AWESOME!!

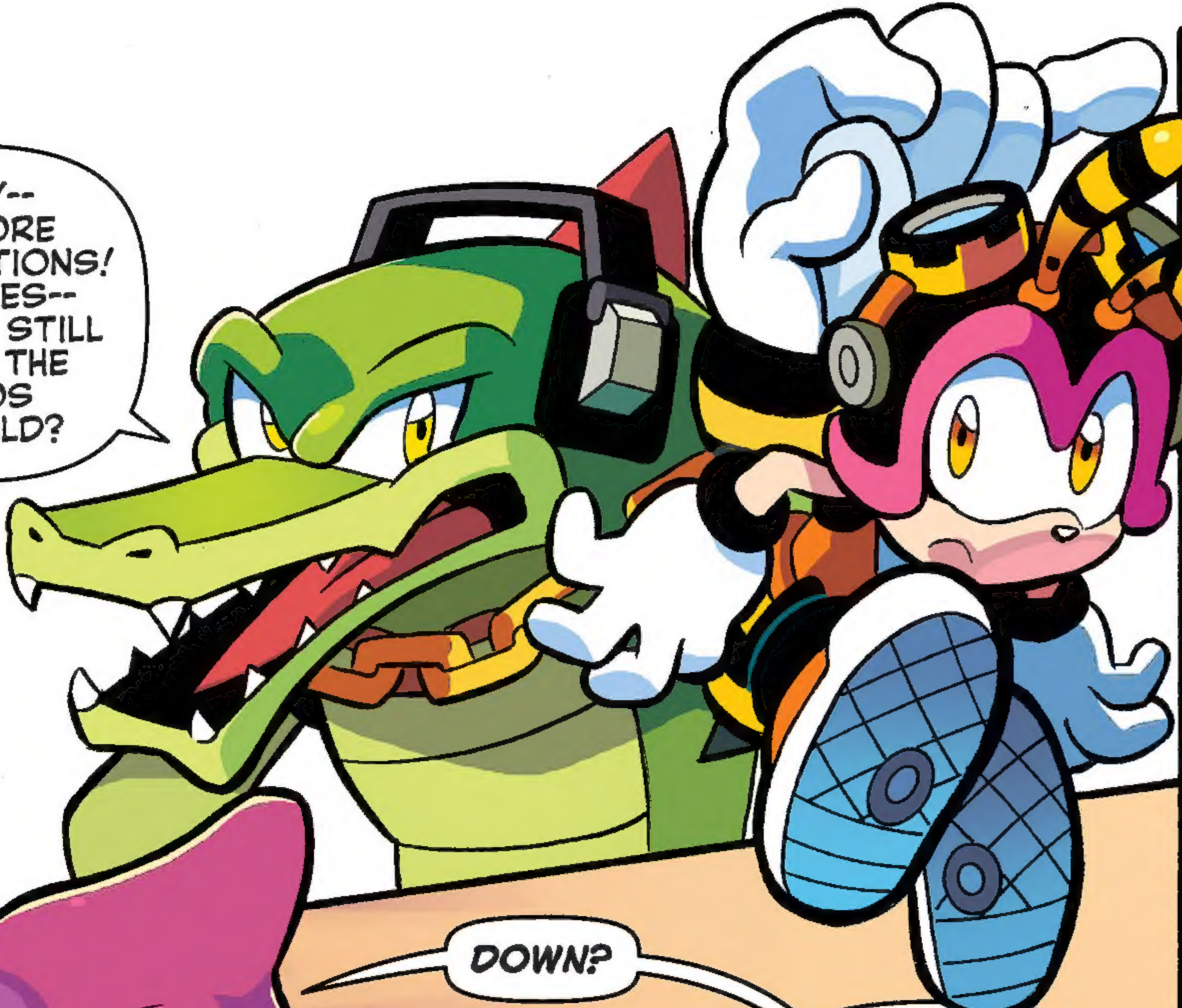
I'M SUPER-SORRY FOR DROPPING YOU GUYS! IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN!

GAH!

NICELY DONE. YOU'VE GOT A WAY WITH KIDS.

...I JUST STATED THE FACTS.

OKAY--
NO MORE
DISTRACTIONS!
KNUCKLES--
CAN YOU STILL
SENSE THE
CHAOS
EMERALD?



...YES. IT'S
STILL ON THE
MOVE. IT FEELS
LIKE IT'S GOING
FURTHER...
DOWN?

DOWN?

WHAT'S AT
THE BOTTOM OF
THIS CANYON
BEYOND
SHADOWS
AND DUST?



ACTUALLY, THERE'S
A WHOLE MINING
NETWORK UNDER
PUMPKIN HILL. IT
SEEMS ABANDONED,
THOUGH. PROBABLY
BECAUSE OF
THE GHO...

...CIRCUMSTANCES.



BUT IF EGGMAN'S
CRONIES HAVE THE
EMERALD, WHY ARE
THEY GOING *DEEPER*
UNDERGROUND?

BECAUSE THEY'RE
"LOW-LIFES"?

UGH!
REALLY,
CHARMY?

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

BOOM

GET TO
HIGH
GROUND!

ANYONE SEE
WHAT IT IS?
EGGMAN? A
BADNIK
HORDE?

WORSE. OUR
COMPETITION.



**BARK the
POLAR
BEAR
SILENT
BRUISER**

**NACK the
WEASEL
FANGED
SNIPER**

**BEAN the
DYNAMITE
DUCK
MAD
BOMBER**

LOOKIE WHO
IT IS! THE
"MORONIX"!
GUEST-STARRING
"CHUCKLES"!

RUN ALONG
NOW--BEFORE
SOMEBODY
GETS HURT!

The HOOLIGANS

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